Closure of co-operative spinning mills in Orissa

1234. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the closure of all the six co-operative spinning mills in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons leading to the closure of these mills;

(c) the number of workers rendered jobless following the closure of these mills; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to revive these mills and provide the workers job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) As on 31.05.2000, out of six co-operative spinning mills in Orissa, the following three Co-operative spinning mills are lying closed:

Sl. No.	Name of mills	Reason for closure	Workers on roll
1.	The Orissa Weavers co-operative spinning mills	Financial difficulties	1167
2.	Utkal Weavers co-operative spinning mills	Financial difficulties	1258
3.	Shree Sarala Weavers co-operative spinning mills	Super Cyclone	1194

Primarily the matter pertains to the State Government.

(d) The Government of India has enacted the Sick Industrial Companies (special provisions) Act, SICA, 1985 and established the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) with a view to arranging the timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken in respect of such companies. The rehabilitation schemes sanctioned by BIFR include various measures like restructuring the capital,

induction of fresh funds by the promoters, merger with the other companies, change of management, provision for working capital and term loans by banks and financial institutions.

Compliants against Regional Director, Eastern Zone of the office of Development Commissioner

1235. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from Members of Parliament against the Regional Director, Eastern Zone of the office of the Development Commissioner, Handicrafts on account of corruption and vigilance cases;

(b) the action taken on the compliants received; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the deteriorating development work in the Eastern Zone by transferring such officer?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHI RAM RANA): (a) Three.

(b) Alegations levelled against the officer were not proved as per enquiries conducted by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Revival of powerloom industry

†1236. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the deplorable state of pewerloom industry;

(b) what are State-wise details of the closed down powerloom industries; and

(c) what are the details of the schemes formulated for the revival of powerloom industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Textile sector including the decentralized powerloom sector is passing

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